

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING JUNE 26, 2007

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met June 26, 2007, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Arnold.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Robert Rye.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were, Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, Robert Rye and Daniel Wagoner. Also present was a representative from the Grand Island Independent and County Attorney Mark Young.

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING LAW – Chairman Arnold read the notice of the open meeting law.

Consent Agenda – Lancaster made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the following by consent agenda.

1. Placed on file the minutes of the June 12 meeting
2. 5a Approved the Resolution #07-0043 Requesting credit for construction of Project C40(335)
3. 5b Authorized the Chair to sign the certification of compliance for Project # C40(335)
4. 7 Approved Resolution #07-0044 providing for additional appropriations for the Hall County Jail Budget for Fiscal year 2006 2007
5. 8 Authorized the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the 2007 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program Award
6. 11 Approved Resolution #07-0045 for the Exchange of Collateral for Pathway Bank in the amount of \$300,000.00
7. 12 Approved Resolution #07-0046 for the Hall County Clerk for Pledged Collateral for Wells Fargo Bank in the amount of \$885,000.00
8. 23 Placed on file the Office Report from the Register of Deeds
9. 24 Placed on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
10. 25 Placed on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

OFFICE REPORT REGISTER OF DEEDS May 2007

DOCUMENTARY STAMP FEES	\$ 8,753.62
RECORDING FEES	17,914.50
PHOTO FEES	411.60

9 CORRECTIONS STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ATM MACHINES IN COUNTY FACILITIES – Corrections Director Fred Ruiz was present and has been working with Home Federal regarding a new ATM machine and some other issues regarding the inmate welfare fund. When inmates are released it is necessary to return any property that they had with them when they were incarcerated. In the past they were issued a check for any money that they had, now they will be given a cash card that they can use at any ATM machine to withdraw the funds. Mr. Ruiz stated that one of the issues that they have been working on was to find a machine that would allow them to use larger bills instead of just twenty dollar bills. During these discussions it was suggested to move some of the Corrections Department accounts to Home Federal to assist in the completion of this project. Mr. Ruiz stated that they will still have to write some checks. Home Federal is waiving some the fees but Home Federal will still make money on the transactions. This will also be a service to the staff and allow inmates access to their money upon release.

Lancaster stated that she appreciates the work that Mr. Ruiz did on this project. The county has a good relationship with Home Federal because they already provide ATM machines and now they have agreed to meet the county's needs at no cost.

Lancaster made a motion and Rye Seconded to place the ATM machines from Home Federal in the new corrections facility. Arnold, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and Wagoner voted no. Motion carried.

1a LEE JOHNSON MID AMERICA BENEFITS DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON INSURANCE RENEWAL – Lee Johnson with Mid America was present and distributed information to the board members. He stated that he contacted numerous carriers and had 17 declines. He stated that last year the claim amount was at \$220,000.00. The county has an attachment point of \$60,000.00 and after that amount on any particular claim the aggregate contract starts paying. The current carrier is proposing a 4% increase on the aggregate contract. He reviewed the renewal information with the board members.

He explained that a laser on a plan is when an underwriter tries to offer a fair premium in light of large claims on specific individuals; otherwise these large claims would have to be built into the premium for all of the plan participants and 80% to 90% of the cases that have lasers do not use the maximum amount. He noted on the renewal information that the proposed lasers with RNTS are lower than the current carrier and recommended changing the reinsurance carrier to RNTS. .

For several years the county plan has not billed the maximum amount for the claim side fund but there are questions on how to handle the risk going forward. The money market account would handle the claims that have lasers and the side fund should have 200,000.00 at the end of the plan year. He stated that the safest thing to do at this time would be to bill at the maximum to build up the side fund, but he stated that he would be comfortable cutting the single premium by \$20.00 and cutting the family premium by \$45.00.

Rye expressed concern that the side fund may be running low, but we don't want to bill more than necessary. Arnold also stated that the county has bought the premiums down for a couple of years and it may be the time to bill at the maximum. Discussion was held on the amount to bill for the premiums.

Lancaster also stated that she would like to build up the reserves and to bill the single and family cost at the maximum.

Eriksen noted that the county bought the premiums down last year but he also thinks it is necessary to bill the maximum amount. He suggested reducing the family premium by \$25.00 and to leave the single rate the same.

Lancaster made a motion and Rye seconded to accept the proposal from RNTS for the insurance renewal. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson noted that the county employees will not see any changes in the plan coverage.

Wagoner questioned why the employees that have single coverage couldn't pay part of the premium. Arnold stated that nothing could be done until the union contracts are renegotiated and comparables that have been done show that most counties pay single coverage.

Jeffries suggested lowering the family rate by \$25.00. Discussion was held on adjusting the single rate and Mr. Johnson recommended leaving it at the maximum.

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Other counties also pay all of the single converge need to look at comparable

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to set the family rate at \$1060.90. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Lancaster questioned how many lasers the plan had last year and Mr. Johnson stated that there was only one. Wagoner questioned why the plan has to use lasers and Mr. Johnson stated that one of the contributing factors is an older work force.

The vote on the motion to set the family rate at \$1,060.90 was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson stated that the dental insurance plan is also a self funded plan and he recommended a 5% increase on these premiums.

Eriksen made a motion and Wagoner seconded to accept the dental rate for family at \$60.02 and single dental insurance rate at \$19.61. the single health insurance rate will be \$450.01. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson stated that the monthly employee life insurance rate will remain at \$2.90 per employee.

6. MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING BUDGET REQUEST DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – Dick Bower with Midland Area Agency on Aging was present. Lancaster stated that Mr. Bower is retiring and the MAAA Board has accepted his resignation. Diane Fowler will be taking his place. Diane used to work for NACO and the Lancaster thanked her for coming and welcomed her to the MAAA staff.

Mr. Bower stated that the county membership fees are based on the total population in Hall County of individuals over the age of 60. The county membership fee will be \$8,500.00. The total cost to Hall County will be \$25,556.00.

Jeffries questioned how many counties are included in MAAA and Mr. Bauer stated that there are eight counties.

Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the increase in the budget for Midland Area Agency Aging. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

4 Held a board of equalization meeting 10:20 a.m.
Returned to regular session at 10:30 a.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Arnold called for public participation and no one responded.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – Eriksen made a motion and Lancaster seconded to go into executive session for a performance evaluation to prevent needles harm or injury to an individual. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Jeffries was absent for the vote.

10:35 a.m. executive session

10:43 a.m. Jeffries made a motion and Lancaster seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

15. COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI WEEKLY PAY CALIMS AND REGULAR CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT – The board members reviewed the claims.

16 a CLAIM FROM RICKY CLAUFF - Discussion was held on the claim from Ricky Clauff regarding a refund from the correction department. The board was informed that the correction department will pay this refund so the County Board should deny this claim.

16 b CLAIM FROM THOMAS & JANET HILL – Discussion was held on this claim. Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham stated that there is a statute of limitations of 4 years regarding this and the County Treasurer has refunded 2 years of taxes back to them. The claim that was submitted is requesting refunds back to 1994. Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka stated that this could be referred to the insurance carrier.

Lancaster stated that the public has the right to expect that the information provided to them is correct and questioned if there was an errors and omission policy. Stacy stated that there is but it has a \$25,000.00 deductible.

Arnold suggested that this claim should be held and look at the legal obligations of the county and determine the correct number of years that could be refunded.

Lancaster noted that there are claims submitted to pay back the inheritance fund for the purchase of the land for the new jail facility. These expenses were incurred so the funds are being transferred.

The health insurance claim was also submitted but the rates will have to be adjusted because of the changes that were made today.

The Board also received a claim from Senior Citizens for \$12,000.00 for a bus barn. These dollars were requested last year at budget time. Arnold questioned if there is a plan to actually build the bus barn but also stated that he would like to see these dollars set aside when the plan is in place. Eriksen stated that he would like to make sure the board has some control over these dollars.

ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT – Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to deny the claim from Ricky Clauff. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Jeffries made a motion and Rye seconded to table the claim from Thomas and Janet Hill for further information. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to hold claim number 07060528 from Senior Citizens for clarification. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and Lancaster voted no. Motion carried.

Lancaster made a motion and Eriksen seconded to change the dollar amount on the health insurance claim reflect the new rates.

Wagoner noted that he would still like to see that the employees that receive single coverage pay a portion of their insurance costs. Eriksen stated that he agrees with that idea but the board cannot take any action at this time because of the union contracts.

The vote on the motion to approve the claim for the health insurance was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the bi weekly pay claims and the rest of the regular claims. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to refer the performance evaluation to the personnel committee to be presented to the employee. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS - Jeffries read a letter from the public defender requesting an apology from the county board on comments made regarding the case load for the public defenders.

Lancaster – She attended the Convention Visitors Bureau meeting and they are working hard to get the Events Center going. She stated she will also provide each supervisor with a new city map.

Eriksen – He attend a safety committee meeting and they are working on revising the safety handbook. This will come to the County Board for approval. He also noted that the county held a blood drive and 40 people participated.

The Hall County Public Works Department held a tire clean up project and Jeffries complemented them for a well organized operation. They received some grant dollars to cover the costs.

Wagoner stated that he has had a couple calls on trash problems and questioned if the county could enforce fines for dumping, but the littering law is a state law enforcement issue. He also attended the emergency management meeting and noted that the county rural areas placed 600 E 911 calls and the City placed 6,600 calls and questioned if the County's share of the expenses should be at 50%. He also noted that the Heartland Shooting Park will host the National 4H Shooting Competition.

Lancaster noted that the City and County consolidated the E 911 Center to make it more efficient.

Arnold noted that the E 911 budget has increased. They are requesting another dispatcher and a vehicle. Discussion was also held on the revenues that are received and how they are applied.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. the Next meeting will be July 10, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk